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Applicant : ROLF BRÜCK

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Title : METHOD AND DEVICE FOR REGULATING THE  
TEMPERATURE RANGE OF AN NO<sub>x</sub> ACCUMULATOR IN AN  
EXHAUST SYSTEM OF AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98 copies of the following patents and/or publications  
are submitted herewith:

U.S. Patent No. 5,155,994 (Hideaki et al.), dated October 20, 1992;

U.S. Patent No. 5,474,745 (Masayuki et al.), dated December 12, 1995;

European Patent Specification No. 0 485 179 B1 (Abe et al.), dated May 10, 1995,  
as mentioned on page 2 of the specification;

European Patent No. 0 628 134 B1 (Brück et al.), dated September 13, 1995,  
pertains to a method and device for the operation of an electric heatable catalytic  
converter, as mentioned on page 2 of the specification;

European Patent No. 0 298 240 B1 (Dinkelacker), dated October 21, 1992, pertains  
to a method and device for monitoring the contents of harmful substances in waste  
gas in an internal combustion engine, as mentioned on page 2 of the specification;

Published European Patent Application No. 0 415 128 A1 (Mayer), dated March 06, 1991, pertains to a switchover of an internal combustion engine;

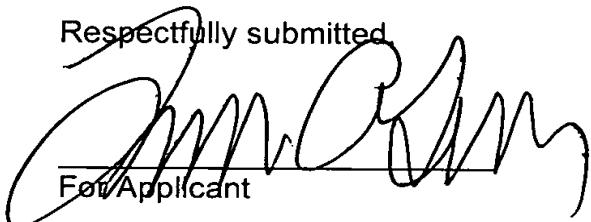
German Published, Non-Prosecuted Application No. 2 046 180 (Jones et al.), dated June 09, 1971, pertains to a method for purifying waste gases;

Published International Application No. WO 96/29141 (Sung et al.), dated September 26, 1996;

Japanese Patent Abstract No. 06264822 (Kiyokazu), dated September 20, 1994;

If no translation of pertinent portions of any foreign language patents or publications mentioned above is included with the aforementioned copies of those applications, patents and/or publications, it is because no existing translation is readily available to the applicant.

Respectfully submitted

  
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